

Lecture: Calculus II lecture on 03/31

Quiz #16 (solutions)

a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^4+1}$, $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^4+1} > 0$, continuous and, since

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^4+1-4x^4}{(x^4+1)^2} = \frac{1-3x^4}{(x^4+1)^2} < 0 \text{ on } [1, \infty), \text{ decreasing}$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^4+1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{x}{x^4+1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^{t^2} \frac{1}{u^2+1} du$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \arctan u \Big|_1^{t^2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \arctan t^2 - \frac{1}{2} \arctan 1 = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{8}$$

So, the series converges.

b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1}$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x+1} > 0$, cont. and decr. on $[1, +\infty)$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{2x+1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{2x+1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \ln |2x+1| \Big|_1^t =$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \ln(2t+1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln 3 = +\infty, \text{ so the series diverges to } +\infty.$$

c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-n/4}$, $f(x) = x e^{-x/4} > 0$, cont. Observe that

$$f'(x) = e^{-x/4} - \frac{1}{4} x e^{-x/4} = e^{-x/4} (1 - \frac{1}{4} x) \leq 0 \text{ when } 1 - \frac{1}{4} x \leq 0$$

or $x \geq 4$, so we can apply the Integral test on $[4, +\infty)$

$$\int_4^{\infty} x e^{-x/4} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_4^t x e^{-x/4} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -4 x e^{-x/4} \Big|_4^t + \int_4^t 4 e^{-x/4} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (-4 x e^{-x/4} - 16 e^{-x/4}) \Big|_4^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -4 t e^{-t/4} - 16 e^{-t/4} + 16 e^{-1} + 16 e^{-1} = \frac{32}{e}, \text{ series converges.}$$

#48 $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^p} > 0$, cont, $f'(x) = \left(\frac{\ln x}{x^p}\right)' =$
pHop. $= \frac{x^{p-1} - px^{p-1} \ln x}{x^{2p}} \quad p > 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^p} = \begin{cases} 0 & , p > 0 \\ +\infty & , p \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

When $p \leq 0$, series diverges by div. test.

$$= \frac{x^{p-1}(1-p \ln x)}{x^{2p}}$$

$$\ln x > \frac{1}{p}, \quad x > e^{1/p}$$

$[e^{1/p}, +\infty)$ we

can apply integral test

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_N^t \frac{\ln x}{x^p} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln N}^{\ln t} \frac{u}{(e^u)^p} e^u du$$

$$x = e^u$$

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln N}^{\ln t} \frac{u e^{-up+u}}{u e^{u(1-p)}} du$$

$$= \begin{cases} +\infty & , \text{when } 1-p \geq 0, \quad p \leq 1 \\ \text{number} & , \text{when } 1-p < 0, \quad p > 1 \end{cases}$$

#55. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \approx \sum_{n=1}^5 \frac{1}{n^2} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=6}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}}_{\text{error}}$

Integral test to $[6, +\infty)$

$$\int_6^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx < \sum_{n=6}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \int_6^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \frac{1}{6^2}$$

$$\underbrace{\int_6^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx}_{\text{Error}} < -\frac{1}{x} \Big|_6^{\infty} + \frac{1}{6^2} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6^2} = \frac{7}{36}$$

Sec. 9.4 Comparison of series.

Direct comparison test (thm. 9.12):

Let $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$ for all n . (or for all $n \geq N$)

1. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ also converges.

2. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ also diverges.

Explanation: Since $a_n \geq 0$ and $b_n \geq 0$, for each series there are two possibilities

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \begin{cases} \text{some number } A \text{ (converges),} \\ +\infty \text{ (diverges);} \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \begin{cases} B \text{ (converges),} \\ +\infty \text{ (diverges)} \end{cases}$$

1) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = B$ (converges) and since $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$,
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = B$, so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ must be finite,
and the series converges

2) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = +\infty$ and

$$\infty = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n = \infty, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ diverges.}$$

Examples: Use Direct Comparison test to decide convergence or divergence.

a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n}$ compare to $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} n^2+n &> n^2 \\ \frac{1}{n^2+n} &< \frac{1}{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Since for all n , $0 \leq \frac{1}{n^2+n} < \frac{1}{n^2}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$
 the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges as a p-series with $p = 2$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n}$ also converges

(Note that comparing $\frac{1}{n^2+n} < \frac{1}{n}$ does not work, since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$ and all we can conclude from this comparison is that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$.)

b) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n-1}$ Compare to $\frac{1}{4n}$

Since $\frac{1}{4n} \leq \frac{1}{4n-1}$ for all n ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n-1}, \quad \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{ is a p-series with } p=1,$$

so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = +\infty \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n-1} = \infty$ diverges

c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3\sin n + 4}{5^n + \sqrt{n}}$ like $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n}$

Expect to converge

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3\sin n + 4}{5^n + \sqrt{n}} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{7}{5^n} = \frac{7/5}{1-1/5} < \infty$

↑ converges ↑ geometric

" $7/5 + 7/25 + \dots$
 $a = 7/5, r = 1/5$

d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n + \ln n} \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

Expect to diverge

$\infty = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n + \ln n}$

$n + \ln n < 2n$

↑ diverges.

e) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n - 10n + 50}$

$\sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$ geom.

converges conv. geom.

converges. → $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n - 10n + 50}$

$< \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}e^n + \frac{1}{2}e^n - 10n} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}e^n}$

$> 0 \quad n > 5$

Limit comparison test (theorem 8.13):

Suppose $a_n > 0$ and $b_n > 0$ for all n and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = L > 0$. Then the two series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ either both converge or both diverge.

Idea: If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = L$, then sequences (a_n) and (b_n) have similar behavior as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Explanation: Observe that convergence or divergence of a series depends only on the behavior of a "tail" of a series

• If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_n}{b_n} \right) = L > 0$, then there is an N such that for all $n \geq N$,

$$\frac{1}{2} L \leq \frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq 2L$$



A horizontal number line with three tick marks. The leftmost tick mark is labeled $\frac{1}{2}L$, the middle tick mark is labeled L , and the rightmost tick mark is labeled $2L$.

Then we have

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{2} L \cdot b_n \leq a_n \leq 2L \cdot b_n \text{ for all } n \geq N.$$

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} L \cdot b_n = \frac{1}{2} L \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \text{ also converges by the}$$

direct comparison test

So $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ converges $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} b_n$ converges $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges.

If $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n = \infty$ (diverges) then the series

$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} 2L b_n = 2L \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} b_n$ also diverges \Rightarrow

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges

Similar argument also works to show that

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges and

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.

Limit comparison test works especially well in comparing "messy" algebraic series with the standard series.

Q1: What happens if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$.

Q2: What happens if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$.

